

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FAX (916) 323-3018 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation 1416 Ninth Street P.O. Box 942896 Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Dune Stabilization and Restoration

LOCATION: Marina State Beach

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Stabilize and restore approximately 2400 square feet of the dunes located west and northwest of the parking lot at Marina State Beach. The dunes have become eroded due to foot traffic and weather. Fence eight areas located throughout the dunes with approximately fifty yards of temporary metal post and cable fencing and eighty yards of temporary orange plastic fencing to identify the project location. After plugging the sand dunes in the eight areas with straw to secure and hold down the sand substrate, plant seedlings with appropriate native species. Native plant seedlings will be monitored over time by a DPR-qualified biologist, or designee. Hanging signs will be installed on the cables and fences informing park visitors that the areas are temporarily closed for dune restoration activities. The project will be in compliance with all applicable environmental permits, including a Coastal Development Permit. No known cultural resources occur in the vicinity of the project area. In the event that previously undocumented cultural resources are encountered during project construction, work will cease at the location of the find until a DPR-qualified archaeologist has evaluated the find and implemented appropriate treatment and disposition of the artifact(s).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Monterey District

EXEMPT STATUS: \square Categorical Exemption Class: 4, 33 Section: 15304, 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and consists of restoration that does not exceed five acres in size for plant and wildlife habitat; included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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